Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Medical Colleges		Total	Total number of seats
		Govt.	Private		
16.	Maharashtra	19	20	39	4410
17.	Manipur	1	-	1	100
18.	Orissa	3	1	4	464
19.	Pondicherry	1	4	5	475
20.	Punjab	3	3	6	520
21.	Rajasthan	6	2	8	800
22.	Sikkim	1	-	1	100
23.	Tamil Nadu	14	8	22	2515
24.	Tripura	1	-	1	100
25.	Uttar Pradesh	9	4	13	1412
26.	Uttaranchal	-	2	2	200
27.	West Bengal	9	-	9	1105
	TOTAL	127	114	241	27142

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Effect of monsoon on agricultural output

2039. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per CII report, a further recovery of agriculture sector with output forecast of increase by about three per cent is expected in 2005-06 as compared to one per cent last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delay of monsoon had caused immense damage to agriculture activities and the agricultural production may decline; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in its State of the Economy of April, 2005 projects that agriculture and allied activities will see a growth of 3 per cent (medium forecast), 2.8 per cent (low forecast), and 3.2 per cent (high forecast) in 2005-06 as compared to 1 per cent during 2004-05.

(b) and (c) The delayed onset of south-west monsoon has affected sowing activities. The behaviour of monsoon was erratic in the month of June, 2005 and at all-India level the cumulative rainfall from 1st June to 29th June was 20 per cent less than the normal. However, the monsoon revived subsequently and the cumulative rainfall from 1st June to 3rd August, 2005 was 5 per cent more than normal. The sowing operations have accelerated with steady revival of monsoon and it is expected that the area under crops will further improve in the coming weeks. At this juncture no production loss is anticipated.

Agricultural reforms

2040. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has shown great concern over farm sector growth;

(b) if so, whether Prime Minister projected a growth of 7 to 8 per cent for the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether PM urged to approve and implement the correctives enunciated in the Planning Commission's emphasis on agricultural reforms;

(d) to what extent PM has asked to take steps to tackle agricultural problems;

(e) to what extent the suggestions made by PM has fully been acknowledged and addressed by all Chief Ministers; and

(f) what are the concrete steps and measures, State Governments have considered to improve agricultural growth?